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Circulates Wherever Coke
is Manufactured or Used.

Prices and Prospects.

**THE COKE MARKET
IS APATHETIC BUT
PRICE FIRM AT \$2**

**Question With Furnacemen
Just Now is One of
Operation.**

TWO DOLLARS MINIMUM PRICE

**Not Necessarily Raising Rate Say
the Connellsville Operators and This
Seems to be Recognized by Users.
Sell Low Phosphorus Coke at \$2.50.**

Special to The Weekly Courier.

PITTSBURG, April 22.—The coke market is a feverish front, with the market with the pig iron and steel markets. Consumers are showing absolutely no interest in the future, and assert that the present question is whether they will be able to stay in blast.

There had been a slight curtailment in pig iron production in the past week, but the market is not yet affected, while on the other hand there are a few cases of mills operating at 50% or a trifle less.

Sentiment among independent steel manufacturers in favor of a wage reduction has toned down somewhat.

Perhaps by reason of information that the Steel Corporation would for its own part strongly oppose such a move.

The steel trade has not been adversely affected by the fresh complications in the Mexican situation, but rather welcomes the prospect of an early resolution of this long pending question. The freight rate decision now expected between May 12th and 20th, and the majority opinion is that the decision will be favorable upon the whole.

Railroad buying is in full swing. Orders from the regular railroads for this month exceed \$600,000, and the latest being \$20,000,000 from the Northern Pacific. Car orders since January 1st total 40,000 cars, the latest being 3,000 cars placed by Steel Corporation roads.

Nothing appears to have been done towards making a market for Lake Superior coke, the market seems to be the usual difficult one. The sale indicates a price of \$2.00 for standard furnace coke.

The attitude of the large operators, however, is not simply that the market should be \$2.00, but that \$2.00 should be minimum in all cases and that an advance over this price may be obtainable whenever iron and steel market conditions are at all favorable.

Thus they would hold to \$2.00 for the remainder of this quarter, but would consider it impossible to sell for third quarter at that figure until convinced that the steel market cannot greatly improve before that time.

Prompt furnace coke has eased off a trifle and can sometimes be picked up at \$1.85, though many operators quote \$2.00 as minimum. A prompt range coke has eased off by about five cents a ton, but the general movement of the fleet until May. Some of the ore shippers have announced that they will be out of the market for wild capacity until June and do not expect to get their own vessels generally moving until then.

The present prediction is that the movement will be about 10,000,000 tons less than it was last year. As there is little demand or coal tonnage and grader chartering is also light, vessel owners are naturally reluctant to start this session. Whatever delay is now experienced will, of course, serve to strengthen the market later on.

NAVIGATION OPENS

General Movement of Fleet Will Not Start Until May.

Navigation officially opened on the Great Lakes last Wednesday, but it is not certain that \$1.00 could be shaved. Recently Chicago consumers came into the market for \$1.50, price for second quarter and paid \$1.40, price for prompt, \$1.35 for \$2.50. Contract foundry \$2.50.

The local pig iron market appears stagnant, but there is no softening in prices. Several weeks ago the market on Bessemer dropped from \$14.25, Valley, to \$14.00, and it was not certain that \$1.00 could be shaved. Recently Chicago consumers came into the market for \$1.50, price for second quarter and paid \$1.40, price as nothing better could be done. Basic pig iron is reckoned as equally firm at \$12.00, Valley, malleable being \$13.00 to \$13.25 and No. 2 foundry at \$13.25. In the market the merchant blast furnaces are adhering to the policy which should tend to support the iron market. In that they purpose blowing out rather than cutting pig iron prices. White products may be curtailed further, necessitating further curtailment in coke production, the furnaces will be forced to go through the operation of cutting pig iron prices and then demanding a concession from the coke operators to equalize.

AMERICAN COAL WINS.

Chosen in Preference to Native Out put in Canada.

Consul Felix S. S. Johnson reports from Kingston, Ontario, that at the present session the Canadian Parliament, the government was asked why contracts were given last year for American coals for the Intercolonial railroad, a government road, rather than to Canadian mines.

The answer was made that the American coal could be procured at a more reasonable price and with a quicker delivery. From the discussion which ensued it would appear that this year's contract has been awarded to American firms.

LET COAL CONTRACT.

Cotton Manufacturers Award Orders for 275,000 Tons.

Announcement is made that the South Carolina Cotton Manufacturers' Association, through its coal committee, has placed contracts for 275,000 tons of coal.

The successful bidders were the Blackwood Coal & Coke Company, the Somers Coal & Coke Company, the Virginia Iron, Coal & Coke Company, all of Virginia, and the Black Diamond Coal Company of Knoxville, Tenn.

Fan House is Burned.

Fire of incendiary origin recently destroyed the fan house of the Cherry Valley mine of the Pittsburgh & Eastern Coal Company, located near Burgettstown.

Pipe Business Dull.

Manufacturers of iron and steel pipe in the Pittsburgh district find conditions are decidedly dull.

Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION.	WEEK ENDING APRIL 18, 1914.	WEEK ENDING APRIL 11, 1914.	
DISTRICT.			
Ovens, In.	Out.	Tons.	
Connellsville	14,500	6,529	185,395
Lower Connellsville	11,425	5,519	149,258
Totals	25,934	12,047	334,653
FURNACE OVENS.			
Ovens, In.	Out.	Tons.	
Connellsville	12,035	4,582	155,065
Lower Connellsville	9,158	3,908	52,990
Totals	21,193	8,490	208,055
MERCHANT OVENS.			
Ovens, In.	Out.	Tons.	
Connellsville	4,441	2,474	1,967
Lower Connellsville	11,391	7,269	4,122
Totals	15,832	9,743	6,089
SHIPMENTS.			
To Pittsburgh	2,828 Cars.	3,183 Cars.	
To Points West of Pittsburgh	5,018 Cars.	5,102 Cars.	
To Points East of the Region	1,173 Cars.	1,130 Cars.	
Totals	8,999 Cars.	8,395 Cars.	

INDUSTRIAL LINES NOT EXPECTED TO GET A REHEARING

Failure of Commerce Commission to Act is Not Encouraging.

ONE MINE FILES A COMPLAINT

Declares Additional Charges by the Union Railroad Has Forced It to Close Because It Cannot Compete With Others of Pittsburg District.

The belief now exists in Washington that the Interstate Commerce Commission will not grant a rehearing of the industrial lines case which were denied joint rates with other railroads under a recent order of the commission.

Pig iron is very quiet throughout the country. While the markets are somewhat weak, the tendency is to blow out stocks rather than buy prices. Coke is softer in tone, but the market is not quoted below the minimum of \$2.00 a ton named long ago.

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NIGHT RIDERS BUSY

Operators Say They Seek to Coerce Miners Into Joining Union.

Opinion of lawlessness by a band of miners, which has been made to have been dubbed "Possum Hunters," is strong, and it is said that various acts of intimidation, all directed against nonunion miners and operators, have been committed.

The Consolidated Coal & Coke Company, which has filed a complaint with the night riders, is the only one of the night riders to whom the trouble has been greatly exaggerated, and that no union man has been guilty of intimidation acts.

That the trouble-makers believe themselves to be acting for the interests of the union miners is fairly apparent, although the miners themselves have declared against violence of any sort.

PASSES DIVIDEND.

Earnings Not Sufficient to Warrant Usual Declaration.

The Pennsylvania Steel Company has passed the semi-annual dividend on the preferred stock, usually paid November 1st, and the dividend was 2 1/2%, paid November 4, 1913.

A year ago, the company, which had been paying regular semi-annual dividends of 3 1/2% or 7% per annum, reduced the rate by declaring 1 1/2%, which made a total of 5% out of 12 months' earnings.

Working Time Cut.

It was recently announced that Mines Nos. 5 and 6 of the Pennsylvania Coal Company at Somersville, Pa., would reduce operations to three days per week until further notice. It is expected that this arrangement will cause a number of men to seek employment in other fields.

Big Tonnage for Carnegie.

The annual awarding of the large tonnage of steel for the third tracking of elevated railroads in New York City will release about 20,000 tons per week.

The Carnegie Steel Company will furnish the large part of this, but Eastern Pennsylvania mills also will get considerable tonnage.

unless exception be made in its case.

The railroads, with the exception of the Wabash-Pittsburg Terminal, are not yet in a position to make the order.

While the steel interest is not

entirely satisfied with the

present situation, the

operator is not entirely

contented with the

present situation.

Now, however, since the terminal

has been operating and performing

gratuitously, but, naturally, will make

their deliveries to the line carriers in

the vicinity of the plant.

It is evident that the effect upon

the coal market will be

considerable.

Last Mine Exhausted.

The Enterprise mine, about three

miles east of Grove City, is soon to be

dismantled because of exhaustion of

the coal.

It was opened about 15

years ago, and is the last active one in

the district.

Its financial and physical rehabilitation

is now in progress.

Buy Mineral Land.

The Krupp interests, the great

German steel manufacturers, have

purchased the mineral rights to an

extensive acreage of coal lands

in the West Virginia coal field.

It is located in a mine and a half

from the surface, and slopes of the

mine have been continued to the nearest

railroad instead of building a

standard gauge spur.

Will Develop Coal.

A Hood Phillips of Grafton, and

Charles D. Robinson of Fairmont are

engaged in the purchase of several

hundred acres of Pittsburg

Coal Company land in West Virginia.

On the line of the Baltimore &

**PLAN MANGANESE
MANUFACTURE FOR
THE OPEN MARKET**

**DUNBAR FURNACE IS PART
OF
DEAL TO OPEN AMERICAN
IRON TRADE.**

FOREIGNERS NOW IN CONTROL

**CARNEGIE STEEL COMPANY ONLY CONCERN
WHICH MANUFACTURES MANGANESE IN
U. S. AND IS RARELY SELLS TO INDEPENDENT
DEALERS; IS TO \$12,000,000 CORPORATION**

One of the most important results of some years is affecting the iron and steel trade, especially in the Pittsburgh district. It has been developed through the organization of the American Manganese Manufacturing Company with a Pennsylvania charter and a nominal capital, but which it is intended to increase shortly to \$12,000,000, provided that the deal is successful.

The new corporation proposes to take the first practical step toward producing ferro-manganese in America for American blast furnaces and steel works. It is also in possession of a large deposit of manganese in Minnesota, which is held by the Cayuga Manganese Iron Company, and also of a good iron ore deposit held under the name of Cayuga-Duluth Iron Company. From these, it is expected to secure manganese ore and iron ore.

A furnace equipment is intended by securing the consent of the shareholders of the Cayuga Manganese Company to enter the new company. The Dunbar furnace has been in the hands of receivers for some years and has been run only intermittently, owing to its financial condition.

In Pittsburgh, the plan of the company is to attract local interest. It is expected and proceeds with its plans. It will be the first company to manufacture manganese for the open market in America. The Carnegie Steel Company has been a producer of manganese from imported ores for the Steel Corporation furnaces and mills for many years. It has done much with the open market, frequently having to purchase ferro-manganese from abroad to supplement its own supply. In extremely dull times it has sold manganese in small lots. All other manganese has come from England and Germany, producers of the new. Underwood law has not yet effected importations of manganese into the country with a stiff duty on it. It is now free of duty.

That the foreign makers are aware to the possibilities of American competition for the American market is shown by the sudden departure of the foreigner. Existing in Germany manganese to around \$35 a ton as compared with \$40 and \$41 a ton at the seaboard before the American company was formed. It is said foreign interests are preparing to make a fight for the American market.

Edward E. Marchese is president of the American Manganese Manufacturing Company, and L. R. Wister of Philadelphia, is an active spirit in the new enterprise. It is proposed to have representatives of the Cayuga-Duluth Iron Company on the board of the new company. The assets of the new company as outlined in the plans of the organizers show that they will include the Dunbar Furnace properties at \$2,000,000, the Cayuga-Duluth Iron Company properties at \$12,000,000, the Cayuga Manganese Iron Company properties at \$25,000,000 making a total of \$33,000,000.

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At the present time American iron and steel companies are almost entirely dependent on foreign manufacturers of manganese, and there have been many occasions when it has been difficult to obtain manganese in sufficient quantities for the American market except at almost prohibitive prices. Plans for the new manganese company are so conservative, men say, that it will be especially strong and thoroughly independent. It should the plan be successful, as it not only would have its own iron and manganese ore, but would have its own furnaces, its own coke plant and all materials within its control that are necessary for the production of manganese alloy.

MORE MEN LAID OFF

**B. & O. CUTS EXPENSE BY FORTY-NINE
IS LAYING OFF EMPLOYEES.**

Following out its retrenchment policy still further, the Baltimore & Ohio railroad Monday furloughed 15 more men employed in the Connellsville yards. Ten men employed on the extra board in the yards, some of whom were just recently taken back after being out since December, were notified that they had been furloughed, yesterday afternoon.

The night shifter on the Mount Pleasant branch has been discontinued, and two breakmen have been taken off the line. Some 600 men are laid off, and most men are much disengaged over the continued depression in business. Many of the younger men are leaving town in the hope that they may land something somewhere else.

OPTIONS EXTENDED.

**PROSPECTIVE COAL BUYERS AT ROCKWOOD
GET MORE TIME.**

ROCKWOOD, April 21.—Hitchman Brothers of Mount Union, who some time ago had a representative in this vicinity and optioned 600 acres of coal here, have been asked that the owners of the coal extend their options for a period of 60 days.

The reason for the extension of time is that the weather has prevented a thorough prospecting of the territory.

**BREAK IN GAS MAIN DEPRIVES
9,000 CONSUMERS OF SUPPLY**

**Heavy Rain, Loose Earth and Cause
Joint in Pipe to Draw Apart
in Nicholson Twp.**

The 9,000 consumers of natural gas in Fayette and Westmoreland counties supplied by the Fayette County Gas & Fuel Company, were considerably inconvenienced Wednesday when the gas supply was shut off at the 1½-inch main on the Sterling farm, in Nicholson township, about one-half mile from where the line crosses the Monongahela river.

The trouble was caused by the heavy rain yesterday morning loosening the earth at a point where the gas main, about 1½ inches in diameter, was allowing the pipe to slide out of position and wrenching loose a cast-iron coupling. The break was located about 9 o'clock, and repairs were completed about 1:30 o'clock Thursday. A test was at once taken and the line pronounced in good order.

At one time the gas was considered to be the most important mineral in some years, affecting the iron and steel trade, especially in the Pittsburgh district. It has been developed through the organization of the American Manganese Manufacturing Company with a Pennsylvania charter and a nominal capital, but which it is intended to increase shortly to \$12,000,000, provided that the deal is successful.

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STEEL BUSINESS SLUMPS.

LACKAWANNA COMPANY REPORTS A DEFICIT FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1914.

The Lackawanna Steel Company during the first quarter of 1914, reports a deficit from operations of \$445,207, as compared with a profit of \$742,528 for the corresponding quarter of 1913, or a total deficit of \$1,157,727. The deficit during the last quarter of 1913 was \$10,842, and the income of the company for the first quarter was less by \$1,367,407 than during the corresponding period in 1913.

On March 31, 1914, the company had unfilled orders of 15,182, which were 421,883 tons less than on March 31, 1913, but were 6,401 greater than upon December 31, 1913, when 155,427 tons were reported.

GET NAIL CONTRACT.

JONES & LAUGHLIN WILL SUPPLY THE NAVY REQUIREMENTS.

The Jones & Laughlin Steel Company has been awarded the contract by the Navy Department to furnish the required quantity of nails and wire of various navy yards over the last half of the current year.

The contract calls for about 20,000 kgs of nails and 50,000 pounds of wire.

NEW ELECTRICAL INSULATION.
The Keystone Coal & Coke Company will install electrical apparatus in its colliery consisting of a 225 kilowatt motor-generator set, one 100 horsepower and two 200 horsepower induction motors, switchboard, etc., and will operate through the mines for new 10-ton, 40-inch gauge, electric mining locomotives.

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**LIST OF COKE OVENS IN
The Lower Connellsville District**

**With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to
Saturday, Apr. 18, 1914.**

Total Ovens	Loc.	Name of Works	Name of Operator	P. O. Address
40	Asht.	Adult Coke Company		Uniontown, Fayette Co.
40	Asht.	Harry & Town.		New York
20	Asht.	W. J. Rainey		Uniontown
100	Alison No. 2	Republic Coal & Coke Co.		Gas.
40	Atch.	Baxter Ridge Coal & Coke Co.		Pittsburgh
20	Baxter Ridge	Baxter Ridge Coal & Coke Co.		Pittsburgh
12	Bridgewater	Elk City Coke Co.		Pittsburgh
40	Brier Hill	Brier Hill Coke Co.		Unickown
20	Brownsburg	Brownsburg Coke Co.		Unickown
20	Burkhardt	Elk City Coke Co.		Smithfield
24	Century	Century Coke Co.		Brownsville
40	Chammon.	Chammon Coke Co.		Uniontown
20	Colonial No. 1	Colonial Coke Co.		Pittsburgh
50	Colonial No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.		Pittsburgh
150	Colonial No. 4	H. C. Frick Coke Co.		Pittsburgh
24	Cyrilla	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co.		Uniontown
120	Desert	H. C. Frick Coke Co.		Pittsburgh
302	Donald No. 1 & 2	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co.		Connellsville
40	Dunn	The Black Coal & Coke Co.		Pittsburgh
20	Edenbrook	Elk City Coke Co.		Uniontown
10	Eleanor	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co.		Uniontown
32	Everly	Elk City Coke Co.		Fairbank
200	Finkley	Strickland Coal & Coke Co.		Uniontown
40	French No. 1	Jas. Byrne & Co.		Pittsburgh
110	French No. 2	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co.		Connellsville
113	Garwood	Elk City Coke Co.		Pittsburgh
40	Gerrard	Grand Central Coke Co.		Pittsburgh
210	Herbert	Connellsville Central Coke Co.		Pittsburgh
45	Hillside	Walter Hill Coke & Coke Co.		Uniontown
24	Hoover	James H. Hoover		McKeesport
36	Hume	Elk City Coke Co.		Uniontown
20	Huntington	Huntington-Sennett Coke Co.		Uniontown
120	Isabella	Habellia-Connellsville Coke Co.		Connellsville
140	Laurel	Laurel Coke Co.		Laurel
120	Lafayette	Atlas Coke Co.		Pittsburgh
80	Lakeview	H. C. Frick Coke Co.		Pittsburgh
210	Lockwood	Franklin Coke & Coke Co.		Scottish
24	Lone	Connellsville Central Coke Co.		Pittsburgh
24	Low Ph.	Southern Connellsville Coke Co.		Uniontown
24	Martins	Rep. Iron & Steel Co.		Youngstown, O.
24	McKee	I. W. Semans		Uniontown
160	Mt. Hope	Mt. Hope Coke Co.		Dawson
100	Newcomer	Newcomer Coke Co.		Connellsville
120	Old Home	J. F. Farley		Connellsville
24	Parshall No. 1	Puritan Coke Co.		Uniontown
140	Parshall No. 2	Puritan Coke Co.		Uniontown
72	Phaser	Puritan Coke Co.		Pittsburgh
40	Reeke	Phaser Coke Co.		Uniontown
40	Rosie	Rich Hill Coal & Coke Co.		Outzop
80	Rose	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co.		Uniontown
78	Royal	W. J. Rainey		Connellsville
275	Searight	Taylor Coal & Coke Co.		Uniontown
100	Shamrock	W. J. Rainey		Uniontown
210	Sterling	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co.		Pittsburgh
40	Thompson No. 1	Thompson Connellsville Coke Co.		Pittsburgh
112	Tower Hill No. 1	Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Co.		Uniontown
50	Washington No. 1	Washington Coal & Coke Co.		Dawson
40	Washington No. 2	Washington Coal & Coke Co.		Connellsville
70	Yukon	Whirl Coke Co.		Uniontown

Mr. Brick User

When YOU need good Fire Brick and want them QUICK, call

**COMPANY D READY
FOR CALL TO ARMS;
EXPECTING ORDERS**

**Captain Herwick Says Sol-
diers Could Entrain in
Six Hours.**

VOLUNTEERS ARE TURNED DOWN

**Twenty-four Recruits Apply at the
Army to Be Enlisted but None will
be Accepted Until Orders are Issued
from Harrisburg; Boys Ready to
Go.**

Company D would only need six hours to get to the front, according to Captain C. Herwick. In that time the company would be trained for active service, he declares. As yet no orders have been received concerning the probability of being called out, but the officers of the company are holding themselves in readiness for a call.

The 10th Company of Infantry companies is 100 and Captain Herwick has received scores of applications for enlisting during the past few days. Twenty-four applied last evening. Recruits are not being accepted at this time, as orders have not arrived from the adjutant general's office. These will be sent from Harrisburg to regimental commanders, who will then pass them on to officers in charge of companies.

"We are prepared to leave for Mexico on a moment's notice," Captain Herwick said. "I believe we will get orders from Harrisburg within the next few days, as matters have gone so far that it will be necessary to use troops to bring Huerta to reason."

"We would require at least 50 men and 45 more men are needed to bring us to the number required for active duty on the firing line. I could secure 250 recruits in a day and am only holding off pending the arrival of instructions from Harrisburg. Company D's equipment is in splendid condition and the boys could take the train in shape to do some real campaigning."

"We would need about six hours to assemble, pack and board a train. This period would be required if we were ordered to take everything with us. In case of emergency the time limit would be about three hours."

PROPERTY DISPUTE ENDS

Agreement of Councilmen Representing Wallace and Goldsmith Buildings to Remain Open.

By an agreement of councilmen representing Henry Goldsmith and his son, and Mrs. Katherine M. Wallace, a decree was handed down Tuesday by court making permanent the injunction secured by the Goldsmiths preventing Mrs. Wallace from closing the alley between the two properties on Main street.

The defendant is required to remove all obstructions already erected within 10 days and to erect gates at both the front and rear entrances, with the understanding that they may be removed by either party without the consent of the other. The defendant is allowed to keep his chimney in the alley, but is required to repair the damage to the plaintiff's building caused by a coal explosion, and to pay the costs of the action.

Both parties agree that either shall have the right to have the curbing in front of the alley lowered so that the alley may be used in safety by teams, and the defendant is to fix the pavement within ten days so as to drain off properly all surface water.

HOLDS UP BARROOM

**Mount Pleasant Man Arrested for Row
Because Dealer is a Drunk.**

MONROEVILLE, April 21.— Harry H. Stouffer, who on last Saturday when he was refused any more drinks at the Mount Pleasant House, drew a revolver on the bartender and after cleaning out the bar, turned the gun on the policeman when he tried to arrest him. Chief Robert Smith arrested Stouffer and put him in jail.

Yesterday Smith went before Squier White and made information against Stouffer, charging him with threatening an officer, threatening to shoot and pointing a revolver. At a hearing last evening Stouffer was committed to jail in default of \$5,000 bail.

PAIR IS RECONCILED.

**Alderman O'Donovan is Peacemaker in
Domestic Dispute.**

A case of desertion and non-support was tried before Alderman Eugene O'Donovan on Monday. Mary Clavert, defendant, who is against her husband, William L. Clavert, who she said had not supported her for some time and had at last driven her out of the house.

After hearing both sides, Alderman O'Donovan got the pair to make up, and after Clavert had paid the costs, they went away together happy.

CITY WILL PROFIT.

**Liquor Licenses to Yield Approx-
imately \$4,000 Revenue.**

According to rough calculation, Connellsburg will receive \$4,000 in fees from liquor licenses, if no new ones are granted by court when decisions are handed down within the next few weeks.

The license fee is raised from \$250 to \$500 under the city charter, two-thirds of which goes to the city and one-third to the county. There are 12 licensed hotels in Connellsburg now.

Licensed to Wed.

Robert Askey and Frieda B. Lang, both of Star Junction, were granted a marriage license in Uniontown yesterday.

**NEARLY FIVE TONS HANDLED
BY PARCEL POST IN 15 DAYS**

**Report for First Half of April Shows
3,669 Packages in Transit.**

Mostly Inbound.

According to records kept at the post office for the first half of April, Connellsburg people are not taking the same advantage of the parcel post system that out of town people are. The incoming parcel post packages numbered 3,240 and weighed about 6,000 pounds, whereas those dispatched by Connellsburg carriers numbered 1,192 and weighed approximately 3,000 pounds, showing that the incoming mail more than doubled the outgoing. Of the 3,240 packages received at the office, 257 were for delivery by rural carriers and the average cost of delivery was between one and two cents.

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**Jury Refuses Attachment of Royal
Palace Policy for Creditors.**

SOMERSET, April 22.—A jury found a verdict for the defendant in the case of the Royal Palace, case against the Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum, in which the plaintiff sought to attach money due Mrs. Elizabeth Barron, widow of the late Henry F. Barron, who committed suicide last September while under an embezzlement charge involving \$40,000 and disappeared into the Farmers' National Bank of Somerville.

"We would require at least \$10,000 and the boys could take the train in shape to do some real campaigning."

"We would need about six hours to assemble, pack and board a train. This period would be required if we were ordered to take everything with us. In case of emergency the time limit would be about three hours."

PROPERTY DISPUTE ENDS

Agreement of Councilmen Representing Wallace and Goldsmith Buildings to Remain Open.

By an agreement of councilmen representing Henry Goldsmith and his son, and Mrs. Katherine M. Wallace, a decree was handed down Tuesday by court making permanent the injunction secured by the Goldsmiths preventing Mrs. Wallace from closing the alley between the two properties on Main street.

The defendant is required to remove all obstructions already erected within 10 days and to erect gates at both the front and rear entrances, with the understanding that they may be removed by either party without the consent of the other. The defendant is allowed to keep his chimney in the alley, but is required to repair the damage to the plaintiff's building caused by a coal explosion, and to pay the costs of the action.

Both parties agree that either shall have the right to have the curbing in front of the alley lowered so that the alley may be used in safety by teams, and the defendant is to fix the pavement within ten days so as to drain off properly all surface water.

SUIT OVER TILE

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**Consent to Five Year Tenure
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PREPARING FOR CLEANUP DAY

**Details Arranged at Meeting of the
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Mid of 500 School Pupils are Mustered
by Superintendent S. P. Ashe.**

**THE ENTIRE TOWN OF ACME
SEEKS CHILD'S ASSAILANT**

**Entire Population Scours Hills for
Man Who Attacked Seven
Year Old Girl.**

MOUNT PLEASANT, April 17.—The little town of Acme in Westmoreland county was worked up to a fever heat yesterday when almost the entire population, armed with bows, clubs and guns, started in pursuit of Howard Lakin, who, it was known, had attacked a 7-year-old girl, Mrs. Ruthie Pitts, 106 Marganton street, Union town. Death was due to the influence of old age.

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Deal Closed at Meeting of Joint Committee Held Last Night.

IMPROVEMENTS CONTEMPLATED

Changes to Building When Completed Members Say, Will Give Them One of the Finest Lodge Rooms in State; Contract Signed With Trustees.

At a meeting of committees representing William McKinley and General Worth Lodges of Odd Fellows Wednesday a deal was put through for the purchase of the old Lutheran Church on East Apple street, now known as the Odd Fellows Lodge. The transaction was not made public. The contract with the church trustees was signed and arrangements for the renovation of the building outlined.

Negotiations for the purchase of the church property have been under way for several weeks past and a decision was made to go through with the transaction of both lodges, though the deal was not completed until last night at a meeting of the joint committees.

The improvements contemplated have not been fully decided upon, but members of the committees say that when completed they will be of the same size as the room in the basement of the state and the only lodge assembly room on the first floor in the state. Social club rooms will be laid out and they will be equipped as reading, amusement, dining rooms and kitchen. The building is admirably adapted to the needs of the lodges and will require comparatively few changes.

The joint committee that conducted the negotiations was headed by John Wilder of South Connellsville.

The Lutheran Church was abandoned by Trinity congregation in 1912, when the new church of Fairmont was completed. Since then it has been used as a moving picture theatre.

TEACHERS ELECT

T. T. Allen of Uniontown Heads County Educational Association.

At the afternoon session of the Fayette County Educational Association in the Uniontown high school assembly room Saturday, the following officers were elected: T. T. Allen, principal of the high school; Dr. E. D. Watkins of South Brownsville; secretary, R. E. Gipe, of Dunbar township, and treasurer, H. E. Snyder, of New Salem. Addresses were made at the afternoon session by Dr. J. H. White, professor of Psychology at the University of Pittsburgh, and Dr. J. B. Richeson, superintendent of the McKeesport schools.

Topics discussed by other speakers were "Elimination in Arithmetic," by R. K. Smith, supervising principal of Dunbar township; "What Should Be Emphasized in History," by Bert Montgomery, supervising principal of Green township; "How May We Avoid Making Geography a Memory Subject?" by Miss Minnie Gilmore of the Uniontown High School; "What May We Eliminate in Grammar?" by S. B. Henry of the Connellsville schools; "Elimination in High School Subjects," R. E. Gipe, of the Dunbar township schools.

The following from Connellsville attended Superintendent S. P. Ashe, E. C. McCall, F. W. Black, E. C. Miller, E. Hinckley, S. J. Henry, R. E. Gipe and Stewart Griffin, comprising eight of the 15 present.

THORNE A REAL HERO

Dickenson Run Man Rescues Youth from Drowning.

Conductor D. S. Thorne of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad, whose home is in Dickenson Run, is in line for a Carnegie medal for his heroic efforts in saving a young man from drowning at Beaver Falls.

While crossing Hartman's dam near Beaver Falls with a light engine and caboose Conductor Thorne saw a man struggling in the river and signaled for a conductor to stop the train to investigate. Before the back, he discovered that the man was in distress and without taking time to remove any of his clothing he plunged into the swift current and succeeded in locating the man on the river's bed under 15 feet of water.

After a heroic struggle he succeeded in saving the young man to shore and artificial means for restoration were applied. Showing signs of returning consciousness the man was placed in the caboose and taken to College Station where he was fully restored and taken to his home.

A full reward of \$100 has been proposed and committed to the Carnegie Hero Commission.

WORK ESTATE SOLD.

Constable J. T. Crossland Conducts Auction in Dunbar Township.

The household goods, a number of chickens, one cow, and one horse, and farming implements of the estate of Daniel J. Crossland, at public sale at the Work farm in Dunbar township Saturday afternoon.

The horse was purchased by Carl Richinsky and the cow by Frank McLaughlin. The total amount of the sales amounted to a little over \$350.

Constable J. T. Crossland has charge of the sale.

FIRE PETITIONS.

Among the petitions for nomination papers filed at Harrisburg Saturday were those of C. C. Goss, First Fayette district; and W. L. Goss of Uniontown. Second Fayette district, both Republican candidates for the House.

Medical Society Meeting.

The regular meeting of the Fayette County Medical Society will be held Tuesday evening, May 5, in Uniontown.

HAND CAR HITS ENGINE; DYNAMITE WON'T GO OFF

Thirty Sticks Fail to Explode; Eight Have a Miraculous Escape.

Fats spent Sunday in the Indian Creek Valley, getting into trouble; otherwise at least eight men would have been blown to pieces about 9 o'clock when a handcar containing, among other things, thirty sticks of dynamite and as many caps collided with a light engine near the Indian Creek end of the line. Only some kind of salvation intervened, saved the engine and its crew and the six Italians who were manning the truck from being blown "sky-high." Several Connellsville persons who were walking up the track about 50 feet apart also felt that they had been hit. One cap was exploded, causing a serious injury.

Some time Saturday a big boulder rolled down from the mountain side about a mile up the valley railroad, blocking the track. It was moved to one side and preparations made to blast it loose Sunday morning. According to members of the track gang, the handcar of the handcar and began to "row" up the tracks.

At the curve just a short distance below the saw-mill, a light engine, running at moderate speed, came along.

All of the Italians but one joined in the time to an instant. The handcar had been buried down the muddy bank.

A dozen sticks of dynamite were thrown well nill, some of them between the pilot of the locomotive and the truck. Percussion caps also spilt promiscuously. Notwithstanding the fact that several of the sticks of dynamite were unexploded, almost through, none of them exploded.

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PENNY CLERKS GET 10 PER CENT CUT IN WAGES

Alternative of Four Days' Furlough a Month Without Pay is Offered Them.

According to an announcement received by G. C. Conroy, agent for the Pennsylvania railroad here, a 10 per cent reduction must be made in the payroll of the local clerical force, in accordance with the Pennsylvania system's general retrenchment policy. The working out of the cut is left to the discretion of the railroad.

If a clerk does not choose to accept a 10 per cent reduction in his pay, he may take four days off each month without pay. If this latter alternative is taken, then the order does not amount to a "reduction in wages," the remaining 90 per cent of the total amount is disbursed.

In either event, after April 16, the clerks will receive just four days' wages less in their monthly envelopes.

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ANOTHER HEADLIGHT.

Souvenir Men, Mrs. H. L. Drury, Putnam and Cogswell Offer.

Charles H. Walter of this city who has invented a headlight which is so arranged as to throw the light on the track when rounding curves instead of straight ahead, is not alone in this field.

Frederick Belker of Scotland, formerly in the pipe trade, who was in the city, the night before, that he has a device of this kind already patented. It has been examined and found satisfactory by several railroads and Mr. Belker has received liberal offers for the use of it.

ONE DROPS AGAIN.

Ten Cents a Barrel Cut Brings Crude to \$2.30.

PITTSBURG, April 26.—A further cut in the price of crude oil was announced here today with the opening of the market at 10 cents a barrel being taken off Pennsylvania crude, making the price \$2.30. Other prices were: Berea, \$1.80; New Castle, \$1.80; Corning, \$1.50; Cabell, \$1.50; Somers, \$1.50.

The reduction for each grade is 10 cents a barrel except Corning, which dropped 25 cents and Somers, 5 cents.

PRESIDENT LYNCH HERE.

Head of Frick Coke Company Visits Veteran John Keck.

President Thomas Lynch of the H. C. Frick Coke Company was a guest of the Frick Company here yesterday in company with General Superintendent W. H. Clinton to visit John Keck, the Frick veteran, who is recovering from a serious attack of illness.

Mr. Keck is improving rapidly and is expected to be out soon again.

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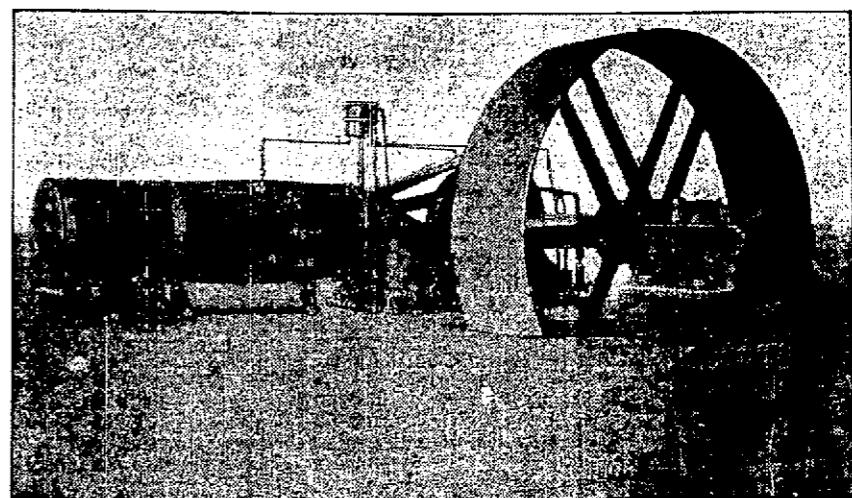
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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE

Connellsville Coking Plants

The Fayette Title & Trust Company of Uniontown, Pa., Trustee under the mortgage of the Sunshine Coal & Coke Company dated July 1, 1912, recorded in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, in Mortgage Book Vol. 102, page 1, will offer for sale at public outcry on the days and at the places herein-after designated, all the right, title, interest and claim of the Sunshine Coal & Coke Company, in and to the following described coke plants:

On Saturday, May 9, 1914, at 1:00 o'clock P. M., on the premises, that certain coke plant known as

CYRILLA NO. 5

situate at Lynn Station, in Redstone township, Fayette county, Pa., and consisting of about 180 acres of Pittsburg coal, 157 acres of surface, 142 beehive coke ovens, 23 block houses, 8 other houses, store building, barn, tipple, engine house, engines, boilers, electrical equipment, 99 mine cars, 2,800 feet of larry track, 3,800 feet of railroad siding, 12 horses and mules, and all tools and appliances used in connection with said plant. In addition to the 180 acres of coal there is a large mine over area, from which it is estimated that a considerable additional acreage may be recovered. A full description of the real estate to be sold may be had by referring to said mortgage.

This coal is of fine quality and has always made Standard Connellsville Coke. The plant is completely equipped and ready for immediate operation. It will be sold as a whole subject to the payment by the purchaser of the taxes for the year 1914.

TERMS OF SALE.—\$25,000.00 cash on the day of sale; \$75,000.00 within 15 days thereafter, when the deed for said premises will be delivered; balance in equal annual installments of \$100,000.00 each, with six per cent interest from the day of sale, payable annually, to be secured by a judgment bond and purchase money mortgage, containing a sixty-day scire facias clause, with permission to anticipate payments.

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, at 2:30 o'clock P. M., on the premises, that certain coke plant known as

FRANCIS NO. 1

situate at Martin, Nicholson township, Fayette county, Pa., and consisting of about 120 acres of Pittsburg coal, 320 acres of Sewickley coal, 475 acres of surface, 240 beehive coke ovens, 20 8-room houses, 2 ten-room houses, 2 twelve-room houses, 8 other houses, 3 shanties, store buildings, tipple and washer, brick boiler house, two 100-K. W. generators, three 100-H. P. boilers, 2 electric mining machines, 2 electric locomotives, 2 electric larrries and larry trailer, 250 mine cars, 300 feet of larry track, 1,400 feet of siding, 25,000 feet of electric wire, 37 horses and mules, and all tools and appliances used in connection with said plant. The full description of the real estate to be sold may be had by referring to said mortgage, from which, however, should be deducted a tract of 4,049 acres of surface conveyed to Frank Blackshire, Deed Book 133, Page 19.

At this plant both the nine-foot and five-foot veins are under development. It will be sold as a whole, subject to the payment by the purchaser of the taxes for 1914 and subject also to the lien of the following mortgages: Jacob Cover estate \$28,000.00, S. R. Previn \$15,000.00, W. H. Shroyer \$10,000.00, T. S. Lackey \$7,500.00 and E. D. and Lucy Fulton \$5,500.0